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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:)	Docket No. 02A-067-	INS
FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY,)	CONSENT ORDER	
NAIC # 51586,)		
Respondent.)		

Examiners for the Department of Insurance (the "Department") conducted a market conduct examination of Fidelity National Title Insurance Company ("FNTIC"). The Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of FNTIC dated June 18, 2001 alleges that FNTIC has violated A.R.S. §§ 20-376, 20-379, 20-466.03 and 20-1579.

FNTIC wishes to resolve this matter without formal proceedings, admits that the following Findings of Fact are true, and consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- FNTIC is authorized to transact title insurance pursuant to a Certificate of Authority issued by the Director.
- 2. The Examiners were authorized by the Director to conduct a market conduct examination of FNTIC. The on-site examination covered the time period from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000, and was concluded on June 18, 2001. Based on the findings, the Examiners prepared the "Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Fidelity National Title Insurance Company" dated June 18, 2001.
- 3. FNTIC in Maricopa County issued 40,715 title policies for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. The Examiners reviewed 72 files

consisting of 120 title policies with policy effective dates from January 8, 1999 through December 19, 2000, and found as follows:

- a. FNTIC issued ten title policies, which included mathematical errors or improper use of FNTIC's filed rules and/or rates. This resulted in four policies being overcharged a total of \$141.13 and six policies being undercharged a total of \$1,410.86.
- b. FNTIC issued two title policies and attached an American Land Title Association ("A.L.T.A") No. 8.1 Environmental Protection Lien Endorsement and failed to charge for this endorsement. This resulted in a total undercharge of \$105.00.
- c. FNTIC issued one title policy and attached an A.L.T.A. No. 6
 Variable Rate Mortgage Endorsement and failed to charge the correct amount. This resulted in a \$35.00 undercharge.
- d. FNTIC issued one policy and incorrectly applied a Combo Rate to a Lenders Policy, however, no Owners Policy was issued in conjunction with this lenders policy and therefore, the applicable premium, which is lower for a combination rate, was incorrect. This resulted in a total undercharge of \$442.40.
- e. FNTIC issued two title policies and improperly charged for a Land Title Association of Arizona ("LTAA") No. 10 Bring Down Endorsement. This resulted in total undercharges of \$262.85.
- 4. The Examiners FNTIC in Pima County issued 29,677 title policies for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. The Examiners reviewed 63 files consisting of 105 title policies with policy effective dates from January 15, 1999 through December 12, 2000, and found as follows:
- a. FNTIC issued four title policies, which included mathematical errors, or improper use of FNTIC's filed rules and/or rates. This resulted in one policy

being overcharged a total of \$105.50 and three policies being undercharged a total of \$1,257.51.

- b. FNTIC issued one title policy and attached an A.L.T.A. No. 8.1 Environmental Protection Lien Endorsement and failed to charge for this endorsement. This resulted in a total undercharge of \$60.00.
- 5. FNTIC operating through its wholly-owned agent in Pinal County, Fidelity National Title Agency of Pinal County, Inc. (FNTAP), issued 7,955 title policies for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. The Examiners reviewed 98 files consisting of 154 title policies with policy effective dates from January 5, 1999 through December 28, 2000, and found as follows:
- a. FNTAP issued seven title policies, which included mathematical errors, or improper use of FNTIC's filed rules and/or rates. This resulted in three policies being overcharged a total of \$137.00 and four policies being undercharged a total of \$667.21.
- b. FNTAP issued one Lenders Policy. but failed to charge any premium. This resulted in a total undercharge of \$101.00.
- c. FNTAP issued one policy in violation of FNTIC's filed General Rule C called the "Fair Value Rule" because FNTAP issued an Owners Policy for a lesser amount than the Lenders Policy. The amount of an Owners Policy should never be less than the full value of property including encumbrances. This resulted in a total undercharge of \$9.21, which was previously included as a mathematical error, or improper use of FNTIC's filed rules and/or rates in (a) above.
- 6. FNTIC operating through its wholly-owned agent in Cochise County, Fidelity National Title Agency, Inc. (FNTAC), issued 6,888 title policies for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. The Examiners reviewed 63 files

consisting of 107 title policies with policy effective dates from June 30, 1999 through December 28, 2000, and found as follows:

- a. FNTAC issued ten title policies, which included mathematical errors or improper use of FNTIC's filed rules and/or rates. This resulted in three policies being overcharged a total of \$475.20 and seven policies being undercharged a total of \$780.00.
- b. FNTAC issued two title policies and applied an 80% Corporate Employees Transfer Rate Rule 707, but failed to document the file to support this rate. This resulted in total undercharges of \$320.35.
- c. FNTAC issued one Owners title policy for \$3,650.00 less than the amount of the Lenders policy. FNTAC correctly charged for the additional amount resulting in no overcharge or undercharge.
- d. FNTAC issued one title policy in violation of General Rule C, the "Fair Value Rule" and the total undercharge of \$375.00 is included in the mathematical error or improper use of FNTIC's filed rules and/or rates in (a) above.
- 7. FNTIC operating through its wholly-owned agent in Coconino County, Fidelity National Title Agency of Coconino, Inc. (FNTACO), issued 2,032 title policies for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. The Examiners reviewed 41 files consisting of 66 title policies with policy effective dates from January 29, 1999 through December 29, 2000, and found as follows:
- a. FNTACO issued six title policies and attached an A.L.T.A. No. 8.1 Environmental Protection Lien Endorsement and charged \$25.00 for each endorsement instead of the filed rate of \$60.00. This resulted in a total undercharges of \$210.00.

- b. FNTACO issued one title policy and attached an A.L.T.A. No. 6 Variable Rate Mortgage Endorsement, but failed to charge for this endorsement. This resulted in total undercharges of \$60.00
- c. FNTACO issued two title policies and attached an A.L.T.A. No. 6 Variable Rate Mortgage Endorsement and charged \$25.00 for each endorsement instead of the filed rate of \$60.00. This resulted in total undercharges of \$70.00.
- d. FNTACO issued one title policy and charged for an A.L.T.A. No. 5 Planned Unit Development Endorsement, but failed to attach the endorsement to the Lenders Policy. This resulted in a total overcharge of \$60.00. FNTACO subsequently issued the endorsement and sent it to the lender.
- e. FNTACO issued one title policy and failed to make a charge for this second lenders policy. This resulted in a total undercharge of \$216.00.
- f. FNTACO issued three title policies and applied an incorrect percentage, when Revamping or Replacing the Lenders Policies. This resulted in one policy being overcharged \$216.90 and two policies being undercharged a total of \$149.25.
- g. FNTACO issued eight title policies, which included mathematical errors, or improper use of FNTIC's filed rules and/or rates. This resulted in eight policies being undercharge a total of \$628.72.
- 8. During the review of FNTIC's claim files, the Examiners did not find evidence that FNTIC included any warning statement on claim forms, acknowledgement letters and substantive response letters. FNTIC advised the Examiners that beginning July 1, 2001, the statutory language would be incorporated into the acknowledgement letters.

9. FNTIC failed to include four wholly-owned agents (agencies) of its affiliated companies, in the list of agents filed with the Department for the year 2000. Those Agencies omitted were FNTA, FNTAP, FNTAC, and FNTIC.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. By deviating from the title insurance rates and rules filed by FNTIC, FNTIC and its wholly-owned agents violated A.R.S §§ 20-376(A) and 20-379(A).
- 2. By using a claim form that failed to contain a compliant fraud warning notice, FNTIC violated § 20-466.03.
- 3. By failing to file a list of all agents authorized to do business by the Company, FNTIC violated § 20-1579.
- 4. Grounds exist for the entry of the following Order in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 20-379(B) and 20-1588(B).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- FNTIC shall cease and desist from:
- a. Charging title insurance premiums that are not consistent with its filed rates and rules
 - b. Using claim forms that contain a compliant fraud warning notice.
 - c. Failing to file a list of its agents with the Department.
- 2. Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, FNTIC shall submit written action plans to the Arizona Department of Insurance, for approval, evidence that corrections have been implemented and communicated to the appropriate personnel, regarding the issues outlined in Paragraph 1 of the Order section of this Consent Order. Evidence of corrective action and communication thereof includes, but is not limited to,

memos, bulletins, E-mails, correspondence, procedures manuals, print screens, and training materials.

- 3. Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, FNTIC shall pay the 11 insureds listed in Exhibit A of this order, overcharges of \$858.83.
- 4. Within 90 days of the filed date of this Order, FNTIC shall pay \$216.90 to the policyholder insured by Policy Number 27-041-92-435878.
- 5. Each payment made pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4 above, shall include a letter to the insured in a form previously approved by the Director. A list of payments, giving the name and address of each party paid, the amount of refund paid, and the date of payment, shall be provided to the Department within 90 days of the filed date of this Order.
- The Department shall be permitted, through authorized representatives, to verify that FNTIC has complied with all provisions of this Order.
- 7. FNTIC shall pay a civil penalty of \$7,276.15 to the Director for remission to the State Treasurer for deposit in the State General Fund in accordance with A.R.S. §§ 20-220(B). The civil penalty shall be provided to the Market Conduct Examination Section of the Department prior to the filing of this Order.
- 8. The Report of Examination of the Market Conduct Affairs of Fidelity National Title Insurance Company as of June 18, 2001 including the letter of objection to the Report of Examination shall be filed with the Department after the Director has signed this Order.

Charles R. Cohen
Director of Insurance

EXHIBIT A

PREMIUM OVERCHARGES

File Number / Policy Number	Amount Due Insured
88001412/27-041-92 339849	\$80.00
66002382/27-041-92 407663	\$30.00
88003201/27-041-92 396267	\$28.50
80000299/27-041-92 303714	\$2.63
50011150/27-041-92 426250	\$105.50
959582/27-31-92 149888	\$42.50
959413/27-31-92 149745	\$75.00
958068/27-31-92 150089	\$19.50
301024/27-041- 92 363501	\$236.20
201254/27-31-92 118600	\$20.00
102385/27-041-92 440961	\$219.00
Total	\$858.93

CONSENT TO ORDER

 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company has reviewed the foregoing Order.

- Fidelity National Title Insurance Company admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, admit the foregoing Findings of Fact, and consent to the entry of the Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Fidelity National Title Insurance Company is aware of the right to a hearing, at which they may be represented by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Fidelity National Title Insurance Company irrevocably waives the right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals related to this Order.
- 4. Fidelity National Title Insurance Company states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever was made to them to induce them to enter into this Consent Order and that they have entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 5. Fidelity National Title Insurance Company acknowledges that the acceptance of this Order by the Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance is solely for the purpose of settling this matter and does not preclude any other agency or officer of this state or its subdivisions or any other person from instituting proceedings, whether civil, criminal, or administrative, as may be appropriate now or in the future.
- 6. KEVIN R. CHIARELLO, who holds the office of Senior Vice President of Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, is authorized to enter into this Order for them and on their behalf.

	FIDELITY	NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
3/28/02 Date	Ву	ame

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